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Corollin—A Persian Tale.

CHAPTER VII.

Everington was roused from the contemplation of the persons by whom he was surrounded, and of his own haggard appearance, by a person whose business it was to act the part of public accuser, and who, kneeling before the prince, said—

"Most just and glorious prince, Abbas Mirza, the prisoner awaits your pleasure and your justice."

"He has had a taste of our justice already," replied the prince, with a nod to the eunuch, "let him be brought forward."

Everington was then, by the guard, placed immediately in front of the divan, and with silence awaited the charge.

"Frank," said the eunuch, (among the Mahometan nations of the East all Europeans are called Franks), fixing his eyes firmly upon Everington, and stroking his long beard with great complacency, "it is not the habit of the children of the sun to punish offenders without giving them a hearing;—we require you therefore, to answer such questions as, by order of his highness the prince, will be proposed to you."

Everington remained motionless.

"Are you acquainted with Corollin Hermann?"

"I am."

"What was your motive in endeavoring to carry her off, against her will and wishes?"

"It was to add to mine and her happiness."

"You acknowledge that it was your intention to carry her away from the dominions of the prince, whom may Allah preserve! and marry her?"

"It is enough," said the prince;—"the presumptuous infidel stands convicted by his own confession. Proceed to judgment."

The eunuch then rose, and, after recapitulating the offense, and mingling his address with the praises of the clemency and mercy of the prince, proceeded to condemn him to the punishment of the boat.

"I little imagined," said Everington firmly, and addressing himself to the prince, "that I should be under the necessity of submitting to ask a favor of you, but I must request that since I am to die, I may die like a soldier;—there are things that a brave man deems more than death."

The sentence is irrevocable; and may the curse of Allah light upon me, if it be not fulfilled to the utmost," was the reply of the prince.

At this moment a struggle was heard at the lower part of the hall; and lifting his eyes Everington saw that it was Corollin himself, endeavoring to force his way through the crowd that filled the lower end of the hall. There is something, however, in the distress of a beautiful woman, that overcomes the most unfeeling and subdues the most obdurate; and the commands of the prince to carry her off were unheeded, and the beautiful woman, the prince, and the dejected countenance of Everington, she read at a glance the fate of her condemnation; and regardless of forms, the lovely creature threw herself on her knees before the prince, and pleaded for the life of Everington with earnestness which suspended the hands of the executioners, who were already raised to seize their prey. Her hair was disheveled and flowing round her snowy neck and bosom—the tears were trickling down her cheeks, and with impetuous eloquence she besought the prince for mercy. But the very loveliness she showed in her distress forbade forgiveness to Everington.

"Fair Corollin," said the prince, as he took her hand to raise her up, "ask any boon but the pardon of this rebel, and it shall be cheerfully granted; but our royal word is passed, and he must die."

"Then remember that Corollin dies with him," said the heroic maiden, starting up and throwing herself into the arms of Everington, who involuntarily clasped her to his heart.

"May Allah see this!" cried the prince with indignation, as he saw this proof of her faithfulness and loyalty.

"Tear them asunder," continued the prince, addressing the guards;—"tear them apart, and away with him to his punishment. We, ourselves, will see to this fair maiden."

There was a pause of a moment in which no one moved; and fear of the prince seemed forgotten in admiration of the constancy and fidelity of the beautiful girl.

"Slaves!" exclaimed the prince, starting up with fury and striking the eunuch on the forehead, "am I to be thus disregarded? Am I to execute my own commands?"

Dread of consequences to themselves overcame the feelings of compassion in the attendants; Corollin was torn from the arms of Everington, and while he was led away, surrounded by his guards, the faithful girl was carried senseless to her apartments.

The news that the presumptuous Frank, who had dared to interfere between the prince of Persia and the object of his love, was to receive a merited punishment, was speedily spread throughout the city; and Everington found the streets, through which they were going to pass, filled with spectators, anxious to catch a glimpse of the man destined to such a fate.

When the excitement caused by his nock-rail and his interview with Corollin had passed away, he had leisure to reflect on the lingering and horrible death to which he was doomed.

The punishment of the boat was one which was reserved for those guilty of offenses against the king; although it was allowed on extraordinary cases, or where by torture, government wished to extort confessions.

The unfrequency of the punishment added to the horror with which it was viewed by all classes in the Persian empire. During his long residence in Shiraz and Isfahan, Everington had never seen but one instance of that kind of punishment. Some after his arrival at Isfahan, he saw a man, who, after being arrested by a large concourse of people; and on coming up to him, Hamors informed him that he was assembled to witness the torture by the boat of an individual, who but a few days before, had attempted to assassinate the schah.

It was called the punishment of the boat, from the shape of the engine by which the torture was accomplished.

This resembled two small boats laid together, with holes cut at each end in one of which was placed his head and the other his feet. The miserable wretch, with which the country abounded, and the hands and feet were secured by ropes to the machine, his neck and feet placed in the notches made to receive them, and then the upper part, which at those places were nicely fitted, so as to prevent the least movement, was put on and securely fastened down.

All that could now be seen was the head and the feet; the former supported by the projection of the machine, the face upturned and exposed to the burning rays of the scorching sun, and the confined and immovable situation producing the most intense agony. Into the lower part of the machine was poured water, mixed with honey and treacle, with other ingredients, to invite the wasps and flies, with which the country abounded, and which, mingled with the excrements of the body, soon became intolerably offensive, and swarming with insects, by which the poor wretch is absolutely devoured alive.

The most tormenting of insects, the oriental sand-fly, which deposits its egg, if undisturbed, beneath the skin, and fills the flesh with worms, is collected in multitudes; and to increase the tormentousness of the punishment, the wretch is generally fixed on the machine, and the body is exposed to the torment, and prolong life as long as practicable, food is furnished in profusion; and if, weary of existence, the wretched creature refuse to eat, sweetened milk is poured down, so that he is unable to make an ineffectual resistance. But the most intense misery was that felt by the sufferer when, as was frequently the case, the eye-lids were fastened open, and that most sensitive organ exposed to the burning rays of a mid-day sun without the possibility of closing them. The victim seen by Everington, haunted him for months, and he felt that the fate was more dreadful, as the agony was frequently protracted until the seventh or eighth day, when nature became exhausted, and death put a period to his sufferings.

Such was the dreadful punishment Everington now saw before him.

They were already on the banks of the Bendemir—the last moment of torture was before him—an immense throng had collected to witness the fatal catastrophe. The chief ordered the attendants to strip Everington of his outer garments, a command which was at once obeyed. As he was being pinioned, with a presence and firmness of mind, which drew murmurs of applause from those who but a moment before had been so ready to curse the infidel dog, and exit in the prospect of his approaching punishment, Everington laid him self down in the position assigned him, and was instantly and immovably secured.

(To be continued.)

Fire Commissioners.

The New York Leader of August last, says—

Messrs. Wright, Brown, Schenck, and Crofts have resigned their position of Commissioners, to take effect on the 1st of September.

These gentlemen give as their reasons for resigning, "that since the 1st of January, they have not all the business transacted by them at their meetings has met with no action from the Common Council, nearly every report sent to that body being neglected and thrown upon the floor."

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Atlantic Fire Items.

The rolling mills of the Cambria Iron Company near Johnstown, Pa., were destroyed by fire on Saturday night, August 1st. Loss from \$50,000 to \$70,000. Insurance \$50,000.

On Saturday night August 1st, the Lyons woolen mill, in Monson, Mass., were destroyed by fire. Loss \$50,000, mostly covered by insurance.

The extensive stables, car-houses, and other buildings of the Brooklyn Railroad Company, situated on Thirty-sixth-street and Fourth avenue, near Greenwood Cemetery, were fired in three places, by incendiaries, on Saturday night August 1st, about 10 1/2 o'clock, and wholly consumed. There were 197 horses in the four stables, of which 112 were got out, leaving 75 burnt and missing; the carcasses of the horses, which the country about, and the man saw the two incendiaries run out of the buildings, whom he pursued and fired at with a pistol as they escaped into the woods which skirt the rear of the grounds; the loss is about \$15,000, which is fully covered by insurance, mostly in Brooklyn offices.

A heavy fire took place at Chicago on the evening of Tuesday 25th July, which destroyed Keep & Co's, plumbing shop, on Second street, Morlow's furniture manufactory, and other buildings. Loss \$200,000.

More hose.

Give, Howard, one more shirk for hose!

Don't let Edmund and Robert enter you.

By their neglect you're losing those.

Good friends, who for their Chief prefer you.

Don't waste your time about your pay.

The Fire Judges or Trustees;

But to the Chief Council say:

"I must have leather,—that's the cheese!"

"Don't think so much of eagles gilt."

To hang before your office door.

Or this—the house a palace boot.

To please your taste and nothing more.

But still in for the things we want;

And hose above all other stand;

You'll get them sure—don't say you can't.

We want the hose—you want the diners—

Whose want is greater, tell us Chief;

You'd not so much in other times—

Three thousand now's a good end—

Two million more leave us no good end—

The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.
MARCUS D. BORUCK, Editor
SAN FRANCISCO
SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 5, 1857.

NOTICE.
The interest of MARCUS D. BORUCK in the FIREMAN'S JOURNAL Newspaper and Job Printing Establishment, ceased on the 15th inst. The business will be continued by the undersigned. The editorial supervision will remain the same. August 29, 1856. CHAS. M. CHASE.

Answers to Correspondents.

G. W. B. SONORA.—Your letter has been received. You are mistaken altogether in your calculations. Will write you a private letter on Monday.
B. M. SONORA.—That matter will be rectified. You are entirely blameless.
R. B. L. STOCKTON.—Received in good order. If the receipts (which) have a good time, they ought to have the same.
E. W. STOCKTON.—Constitution doc. received. Send proof sheet next week.

Strong efforts are being made to have a convention in the Fire Department to nominate a candidate for Chief Engineer at the ensuing election. The dodge is, that the person getting the largest number of votes in the convention, shall be declared the nominee, and all who are represented in the convention, are bound to and must support him whoever he may be.

It is well known that the Convention system has but a short time since been found to be a very uncertain operation and that although men go into it pledged, they come out of it unpledged; and we sincerely trust it always may be so and that any man who will go into any convention seeking the nomination of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, will be tripped up in his calculations.

The idea of a few wire workers getting together and putting forward a candidate for Chief Engineer to be voted for by the firemen en masse is supremely ridiculous. The next thing we shall see, will be notices in the papers of the day calling upon companies to send their delegates to a convention to nominate a candidate for Chief, that the convention will meet at such and such a place, and proxies not allowed. And after several hundred ballots for a candidate and after many compromises of the free suffrages of his "fellow" firemen. Big posters will then be gotten out announcing the fact that the fearless and intrepid fireman "Bum-kun," is the regular nominee for Chief, and then notices in the papers, that he will address his constituents at such times and places as the "junior" may dictate, always excepting those who are known to be against him. Such would be the programme if the wire workers had their own way; but we intend to prevent them having their own way if we can.

As the conductor of this sheet, we have no candidate for Chief Engineer, and no party to hoist into power. Neither have any axes of our own to grind; but we do intend if possible to keep the department from being used as a mere political machine, year from year to elevate men to power, who are determined that the Department, to sustain them, shall be turned into a regular political body. The time has come in this Department to elect a man for Chief Engineer upon his merits as a commander and an executive officer, and equal to all other considerations, his standing in the community at large. We don't want a man at the head of the Department on account of the extent of his muscle, or on the strength of his voice; and we very much mistake the members of the Department if they do not throw off the chameleon of party at the coming election, and vote for a Chief of their own, and not those who are continually sagging them up only to use them, and then throw them off after their ends have been accomplished.

LAFAYETTE.—The arrangements for the celebration on Monday next will be completed to day. We understand that the route of the procession will be a very short one, which we think advisable, and also that the Grand Marshal, Mr. J. P. Haven, will start the procession at the hour mentioned in the programme.

Since our last acceptance to unite in the procession have been received from the Associations of the Sons of the Emerald Isle, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, St. Francis Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Pacific Engine Co. No. 8, Columbian Engine Co. No. 11, from present indications there will probably be six hundred firemen in the line. The delivery of the oration and poem and the attendant ceremonies will take place on Market Square, opposite the Oriental Hotel.

It is to be hoped that the firemen who intend participating in the parade will be prompt to assemble on the ground at the hour designated by the Grand Marshal, so if there is any delay it will not be attributed to them. The whole affair will be one of the most splendid ever gotten up in the city, and we are glad to hear that there is a probability, that all the Independent Military Companies will participate.

PIONEER'S.—The Pioneer's Association will celebrate the admission of California on Wednesday next, by a procession, and an oration by Judge T. W. Freeman, and a poem by Edward Pollock, to be delivered at the American Theatre. The First Light Dragoons, Capt. Reed, California Guard, Capt. John, Independent National Guard, (escort) Capt. Moore and Independent Fusiliers, will unite with the Pioneer's. St. Francis Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, will parade with their apparatus, together with deputations from many of the other companies in the department.

TRUCK 14.—The new engine for this company has been shipped from Boston. Her box is to be a Hunneman, with Gilbert's or as they are better known Howard & Smith's works. She will cost landed here \$3,000. She is being built under the care of Capt. Clark, the Foreman of the company. It is said she will be one of the very best pieces of apparatus in the country. She would have been shipped more than a month since, had it not been that the boiler in the machine shop where she was being built exploded, thereby greatly retarding those engaged upon her.

GORDON.—E. H. Ritter Esq., has contributed \$150 towards repairing the cistern at the corner of Montgomery and Bush streets. The whole expense will amount to about \$600, and we should think after the liberality of Mr. R. the other property holders in the neighborhood would contribute to make up the necessary amount.

Too Late.—We publish this week the letter of our esteemed friend J. Lingolay Esq., Chief of the Fire Department. From some unavoidable reason it was not received until Monday night, too late for last week's issue. Better luck next time.

MANHATTAN 12.—The engine of this company is in the hands of Messrs. Worth, & Fields, under going repairs. She will be ready for service in a day or two.

Fires and Alarms.

Sept. 3, 3 A. M. Alarm caused by drunken men crying fire, which was only in their throats. Portion of the department out.
Sept. 4, 6 P. M. Hall Bell alarm. Fourth District. Caused by smoke issuing from one of the rooms of Rev. Dr. Brierley's new church on Washington street near Stockton. We were standing in front of the church at the time the alarm was given, and one of the men, came running out, to procure water from the hose, in front of the church, which had been used to hold water for building purposes. The afflicted individual informed us, the whole church was endangered from fire, and seeing the smoke we imparted our information to the Hall Bell Ringer with great promptitude gave the alarm. "Monumental 6," was first upon the ground, and speedily got to work, but put no water in the building, as the smoke only proceeded from the kindling of a fire in a stove to dry the plastering. But a portion of the department was on the ground, on account of another fire as follows:

Sept. 4, 6 P. M.—Alarm from California 4 bell.—Campfire factory on Natomas near Second street. Engines 3, 4, 7, 11 and 14, on the ground. No. 4 drafted from the eastern corner First and Jessie streets supplying No. 7. No. 14 drafted from Vance's stables. No water was put on the fire by the engines, it being extinguished by the residents with buckets of water.

HOOKS AND LADDERS.—We were very much amused at a remark we heard an "engine-man" make at the Metropolitan Theatre fire. He was discussing the fire as a matter of course and *en passant*, said "what the hell would we do if it wasn't for them Hook and Ladder fellows?" and we answered it ourselves, "nothing." The Hook and Ladder branch of the service, is the most important auxiliary to the organization, that can be imagined and yet it is not appreciated by the members of the engine companies as it should be. The duty to be performed by an active Hook and Ladder man, is as dangerous, if not more so, than that of the pipemen, and the idea that is sometimes advanced that the Truck companies could be very well dispensed with is unwarranted. The fire at the Metropolitan did more to enhance the value of the Truck organizations, than any fire we have heretofore had. The activity of the members, the coolness of the officers and the perfect *abandon* to all danger, excited words of praise from those who have not always been in favor of their continuance.

Hook and Ladder men, are beginning to be better appreciated than formerly, and in all public displays, their right in line will be recognized. If the members of engine companies think they can get along without the Hooks and Ladders, which bunkum and self interested writers ridicule let the truck companies stay away from the next two or three st. brick building that is on fire, and then an opportunity will be had to prove their need and efficiency. Some of the hardest working men in the department, are attached to the truck companies, in whom it would be an honor, as has already been pointed out, to place in positions of honor, trust and profit.

THE MECHANIC'S FAIR.—This monument to the enterprise, skill and industry of the working portion of the community will be thrown open on Monday next, for the admission of the public. The building in which the various articles are placed, is well adapted for the purpose, and in its construction much foresight and discrimination has been shown. The interior has been handsomely decorated and festooned, and arranged with great neatness. On Saturday next we shall give a detailed account of the articles on exhibition.

We will take the present opportunity of saying that we believe the opening of the Fair, will be the opening of a new era for the Mechanics of this City, and will represent their claim to consideration and support far better and in purer light than the paltry nominations of twenty political parties. If the mechanics and working men, only knew the influence they possess, and knowing it, use it to advantage, they would find that place and position would be made by them, and not by the reverse. The working man requires no endorsement at the hands of politicians to insure him success, he holds a sure and winning card in the honest strength of his own hands, and it is his own fault, if it is not played well. It is the mechanic's art, that builds up States, Cities and towns. It is their labor which supports our public Institutions, dedicated to Educational and charitable purposes. It is their influence and that of their wives and children which crowds our churches adding greatly to purify the moral atmosphere of the community; and it is to their watchfulness and care, that the social fabric upon which we all stand, is maintained and preserved. Deprive a community such as ours, of its working population and you deprive it of that which gives it life and the sustenance to preserve it.

JOSEPH CLARKIN.—This gentleman was run over and severely hurt by No. 6's engine at the corner of Brenham Place and Washington street. He was endeavoring to get the rope clear from the spool, when he tripped and the wheels passed over his right ankle. Dr. Whitney attended him and he is now doing well, although compelled to walk on crutches. The alarm to which Mr. C. was going, was from the bell of No. 9, on account of some shavings burning on Washington square, on Friday night of last week, and not from the bell of No. 6, as has been erroneously stated.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates is announced for next Wednesday evening. We do hope there will be a full meeting of the Board. There has been a vast amount of business left over, from previous meetings, which should be passed upon, and the Secretary allowed to put up the books of the Department. Less talk and more work would better become the Board, that is, if the interest was a of the firemen amounting to anything.

RECEIVED.—Pennsylvania Fire Co. No. 19, have received thirty-six sets of hats and caps. The painting has been done by Mr. T. J. Dunphy, of Sacramento, formerly of Philadelphia, upon the hats in front is a copy of the coat of arms of Pennsylvania, and upon the back, the figure 12, in the representation of a Key-stone. The Cap received seven coats of paint before being ornamented, and the whole work is a credit to Mr. Dunphy.

MONUMENTAL 6.—New and very elegant brakes have been received from Baltimore for the use of the Monumental Engine Company. They are somewhat longer than those now in use, but are much stronger. The new brakes are of a very handsome pattern and will add greatly to the appearance of the engine. No. 6 was out for drill on Thursday night, at the eastern corner Washington and Dupont streets, forcing the water back into the cistern. She was found to be in an excellent condition.

SECRETARIES.—We are informed that this is the last day, upon which members can legally be admitted into the Fire Department, in order to vote at the next election for Chief and Assistant Engineers. The Secretary Mr. Ezekiel will remain in his office until three o'clock this afternoon, to attend to all matters pertaining to the election.

PENNSYLVANIA 12.—This company intend celebrating their fifth anniversary by a grand fishing excursion down and around the Bay, on the 14th inst.

Letter from Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, August 26, 1857.
Editor Fireman's Journal.—Since the election of Chief, we have had a couple of tough fights with Mr. Fire, I forget his christian name.
One about three weeks ago, on the hulk Eliza, (landing of the S. F. boats), at about 8 P. M. 'twas Sunday and the boys all had on their good harness, but you bet that did not deter them, so soon as they saw the light, they displayed "commendable alacrity." R. F. P.—don't you see? Well never mind there was a tough time for about two hours, when the fire was got under. There was some powder in canisters aboard, and every one in a while a can would burst and the cry of powder raised, it would amuse you to see the crowd on the levee get up and git; not so the hosemen they stood their ground like Trojans, either one or two got knocked overboard. The next morning the Fire Wardens seized something like 150 lbs powder, stowed in wine boxes in the forward part of the hulk, and the boys were assured by the Navigation Co. that there was no powder on board, they the company there was not a pound on board, they the company were deceived, who would ever think of looking in a casket box for powder? The Wardens have used every effort to discover the shippers or consignees thus far without success.

The Chief immediately after election went to work and had some new licks made for the cisterns, they were raised too high from the street, and were in fact useless. He had better have them repaired before the city is sued for some poor cistern's legs.

The Charitable Fund has received an addition of some dollars from fines for violation of powder ordinances; that is, if the cases are not appealed and reversed. The cistern, containing powder, and Recorder Dunlap's decision reversed.

By the way, one of the wardens was badly sold on some sort of tobacco the other day, almost as bad as "blubb," when he carried the keys of butter to the station house and had to pay two dollars out of his own pocket.

You down at the bay brag with good reason about your "top," but I doubt if there ever was a better "top" than that of our last fire corner of 1st and 2d streets. Within six feet of the first building consumed stood the big wagon factory of—formerly used as a livery stable by Barton Lee, the next morning it required just three boards to make it as good as new. The boys all did well, but I think I do deserve the credit of that, 4, and 6, saved the opposite side of the street, and 2, and 4, the frames, contiguous on 1st street. Hook and Ladder 1, claim the first water, but I guess the Hooksters had it, quickly followed by 2 and then Neptune's. I should rather be excused from being in as hot a place as those pipemen were surrounded by fire on all sides, for a minute or two, one would think they were salamanders.

It had a run all to themselves, I hear, this P. M. it seems at the horse market, some one turned some rubber hose, or a bumper and he running down the street crying fire at the top of his voice, started the boys out.

Somewhat would do well to take a spring mattress to the next meeting of your board of delegates and let it out by the hour, at least one would judge from reading the minutes of the last few meetings.

Perhaps I can scare up some items for you next week.
Yours,
J. LINGOLAY,
ex-Chief Stationary F. D.
N. B. Funny, no alarm last Saturday night.

FURNITURE.—While on a tour of inspection through the splendid furniture warehouse of Messrs. Jonas C. Clark & Co., No. 128 Washington street a few days since, we were shown a magnificent piece of furniture of California manufacture, which eclipses anything of the kind yet made in the city. It is what the French call an *Empire*, but which Americans would call a "Side Board." It is of rosewood, about eight feet high, the back cased with the same material. In the centre, a stationary shelf comes out about two feet, and above it several smaller shelves, with handsome plate looking glass at the rear. This shelf and shelves, are intended for fancy bottles, liquors, cane stands, &c., and are supported by fruit carved pillars and legs. Below is a large recess for various articles. This portion of it is also elegantly carved, and has a looking glass at the rear. There are several drawers in the side, fitted with satin wood; the top of the whole being surmounted with handsome arched carved work. It is valued at \$500, and will be exhibited at the Mechanics' Fair.

VOLENTIER 7.—The engine of this company has been greatly improved and beautified. She has been provided with new suction, new boxes for the wheels, new stern box, and a new bell. Her box has been painted blue striped with gold, and wheels the same, and looks an hundred per cent better than before. The company should have a new engine, the one they now use does not belong to the city, and may at any time be taken away, and not alone that, the company are entitled to a new one.

Geo. A. WORN.—We must compliment the gentleman whose name heads this paragraph, for the faithful manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of Secretary to the Lafayette celebration Committee. The calls upon him have been many and onerous, but he has met them all with cheerfulness and promptness, thereby greatly facilitating the objects in view. He has been invaluable to all interested in the matter.

CALIFORNIA 4.—This company will parade on Monday next with the Lafayette celebration parade. After the march, they will proceed with their invited guests to Russ' Garden for dinner, preceded by the California Guard. The company will number about 60 men, and as usual, will make a fine appearance. The Grand Marshal and his aids for the day, will accompany the "Fours" to Russ' Garden.

L. B. BENCHLEY.—This gentleman, lately elected a Supervisor from the Fourth District, is a liberal minded and considerable man, and every way competent for the important station he is called upon to fill. It would be gratifying to a majority of the firemen, if Mr. Benchley was placed by Mr. Burr, as Chairman of the Fire and Water Committee.

DELAWARE.—The completion of the cistern at the corner of Polson and Second streets, has been somewhat delayed on account of the withdrawal of the officers having charge of the chain gang to attend the districts on election day. The cistern will be thoroughly completed with water in it by Saturday next.

NEW ENGINE.—The "Multnomah" Engine Company of Portland, Oregon, expect daily an engine from the States, for their use. She is a Hunneman, and about the size of No. 4, of this city. She will cost when landed here and in order, about \$2,200.

THE "ALTA."—The "Ignominia" of the *Alta*, takes bodily form in the columns of this paper, the account of the Lafayette Celebration, published last Saturday, and places it in the columns of Sunday's *Alta*, a bona fide original.

FRONT ORIGIN.—We have been favored with a visit this week from Mr. Fitch and John Campbell, Reg. members of Vigilance Hook and Ladder Company of Portland, Oregon.

Obituary.

One by one the members of the Fire Department pass away from earth, leaving in the heart of their comrades through life, an aching void. Scarcely a week passes now, but that the mourning flag droops from the mast of engine and truck house, notifying the old and young, that another of their protectors is numbered with the dead. The notes of the funeral dirge breathe of the remains of one of the gallant band, lingers on the air, only to give them to be taken up, and given utterance to, in remembrance of his former comrades. Death has been busy with our ranks of late, and we must not mourn too heavily. The burden of grief is borne, not by us alone, for our brethren in other places also grieve for those who have died, and left their places vacant.

On Thursday last, the members of St. Francis Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, were called upon to pay the last tribute of respect to an old and efficient member of their company, Mr. A. SAVINA, who died on Wednesday, of consumption. Mr. S. had been sick for seven months, and it is supposed contracted a cold at a fire, from which he never recovered. Mr. S. had a large number of friends, who contributed in every way to his comfort and care. His funeral took place from the truck house at 3 o'clock, and the remains of Mr. S. were carried to the Fireman's Cemetery, Lone Mountain, by a full company of St. Francis' members, together with delegations from Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Engine Companies; the whole preceded by a splendid band consisting of twenty-five musicians, who volunteered for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Thrall, of the Episcopal Church, officiated on the occasion. The Chief Engineer, and Assistants Smith, Van Orden and Simpson were also present.

FIREMAN'S FUNERAL.—The remains of E. C. Hale, late Second Assistant Foreman of Engine Co. No. 5, of Sacramento, were interred about one o'clock Sunday afternoon, from the house of that company, and attended to the grave by the greater part of the members of the Fire Department. With but few exceptions the majority of the companies are largely represented. Engine Co's Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Engine Co's, 3, in full dress. The Drayman's Association, of which the deceased was a member, attended with their banner, appropriate to the occasion. The coffin, containing the remains, was borne on the engine, and on this occasion, for the first time, to the Fireman's burial plot in the City Cemetery. Heretofore, on such occasions, it has been customary to transfer the coffin to a hearse at the R street depot, in consequence of the extremely heavy state of the road beyond that point. The horse of the deceased was laid immediately in the rear of the hearse, and the procession was preceded by the Sacramento Union Band and their new and showy uniform. The services, on the occasion, were performed by the Rev. Mr. Shuck.

ANATROPHY.—R. H. Vance the famous Daguerrotypist, took an ambrotype of "Zion's Valley," C. M. and Hose Carriage on Monday last. The apparatus was stationed on Meigs' Wharf, manned by a proper complement of men. The Anatrophes are very elegant and will grace the Mechanics Fair.

CANDIDATE.—By reference to another column it will be seen that Mr. Charles S. Simpson, present Third Assistant Engineer is a candidate for re-election at the ensuing election.

EX-OFFICIOS.—All the ex-Chief's and Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department, should have a place in the line on Monday next. There has always been too much neglect in that matter.

THE BRASS.—The Brass Band Association will parade on Monday next with their apparatus. It is said they will turn out twenty men, and will be preceded by the American Band.

SOKORA.—Sokora Hose Co. No. 1, of Sonoma, took their apparatus four miles to the town of Columbia, and did all they could to assist their brethren in extinguishing the dreadful fire which devastated that place.

IN OUR OPINION.—The latest case of an unsuccessful attempt to put on foreign *beirs* was that of Mrs. Cunningham—Burdell.

EMPEROR 1.—The engine of this company will be placed in the fair to day. After the close of the Fair, the company will have a grand parade, with their apparatus.

KNICKERBOCKER 3.—The engine of this company has been out of service for the last ten or twelve days, on account of some derangement of her cylinders.

ELBERT.—Mr. John W. Cherry, a member of St. Francis Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, has been elected a member of the Assembly on the Republican ticket.

THANKS.—We are under obligations to Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co., for newspaper favors during the week.

WASHINGTON STREET.—This street is impassable between Montgomery and Sansome streets.

CALIFORNIA 4.—A special meeting of this company will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates will be held at their chambers, City Hall, on Wednesday evening, September 9th, 1857, at 7 o'clock.

By order, JACOB EZEKIEL,
Secy. S. F. Fire Department.

FIRST LIGHT DRAGOONS, ATTENTION.—You are requested to assemble on the armory on Monday evening September 7th, at 7 1/2 o'clock, in full uniform for inspection and drill.

By order, S. H. TYLER, 1st Sergeant.

BOOTS, SHOES, & C.—Messrs. Holcombe and Dole 100 Commercial street, and cor. Clay and Kearney streets, have on hand a complete assortment of Mens, Womens, and Misses, boots and shoes, from the most celebrated manufacturers in the United States. They have also on hand a very fine stock of hunting boots, to which the attention of sportsmen is called. Their boots and shoes for winter wear, are also made of the very best material, and of a durable character. Give them a call.

PACIFIC MUSEUM.—Adams and his pets still continue to draw attractive audiences at the Museum. Many new additions have been made to his collection, among which are four Sea Lions, and the happy Bear family. Lovers of amusement should not fail to give this place a visit.

EARLY HAY STONE.—By a new advertisement in today's issue, it will be seen that Messrs. Collins & Co., haters, have removed to the new brick building, No. 171 Washington street, where they are constantly selling their No. 1 silk hats, full style, at \$800 each. Give them a call.

LIQUORS, & C.—It is generally known among the boys that, at Pat Ward's corner of Commercial and Kearney streets, can be found No. 1 good liquor, and that they are always ready to administer "aid and comfort," to their numerous patients. See them.

HAZARD POWDER CO.—E. H. Parker, No. 187 Front street, is the agent for this company, up country dealers will do well to send their orders to him as they will receive prompt attention.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL.—Please announce the name of CHARLES S. SIMPSON, present Third Assistant Engineer as a candidate for election, at the ensuing election.

Dr. Guyott's Extract of Yellow Dock and Sassafras is a quart bottle—the Great Specific of the Blood—Not a particle of Mercury in it—Let the afflicted read and ponder. An infallible remedy for Scrofula, King's Evil, Rheumatism, Obsolete Cutaneous Eruptions, Pimples on the Face, Itch, Blotch, Chancres, Sores, Ringworms, Tetter, Nettle-rash and Pain in the Bones and Joints, Stropharia, Erythema, Discolorations, Spinal Complaints, and all diseases arising from the impurities of the blood, impeding the circulation, or the failure of the blood, in life, or impurity of the blood. This great preventive medicine, and Purifier of the Blood is now used by thousands of grateful patients from all parts of the United States, who testify daily to the remarkable cures performed by the greatest of all medicines, GUYOTT'S EXTRACT OF YELLOW DOCK AND SASSAPARILLA. Nettle-rash, Rheumatism, Scrofula, Eruptions on the Skin, Liver Diseases, Fevers, Ulcers, Affections of the Kidneys, Diseases of the Throat, Female Complaints, Pain and Swelling of the Bones and Joints, are quickly put to flight by using this great and reliable remedy. For all these diseases of the blood, nothing has yet been found to equal it. It cleanses the system of all impurities, acts gently and efficiently on the liver and kidneys, strengthens the digestion, gives tone to the stomach, makes the skin clear and healthy, and restores the circulation of the blood, or broken down by the excesses of youth to its pristine vigor and strength. For the ladies, it is incomparably better than all the "female" ever used. A few bottles of GUYOTT'S EXTRACT OF YELLOW DOCK AND SASSAPARILLA will remove all eruptions of complexion, cure all diseases of the blood, nothing has yet been found to equal it. 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